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Reply to: OCE-101

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Nina Jones
Mayor of Ketchum
P.O. Box 2315
480 East Avenue North
Ketchum, Idaho 83340

Re: City of Ketchum WWTP
NPDES Permit Number ID-002028-1

Dear Mayor Jones:

On June 22, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the City of Ketchum, Idaho ("City") for its wastewater treatment facility ("Facility"), NPDES Permit Number ID-002028-1 ("Permit"). The Permit became effective on August 1, 2012 and will expire on July 31, 2017. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of violations EPA discovered upon review of administrative files, including the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted by the City, and in response to the inspection of the Facility conducted by EPA on February 9, 2016. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the City's compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the NPDES Permit. I would like to express my appreciation for your staff's time and cooperation during the inspection.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE REVIEW

EPA reviewed DMRs from May 2011 through June 2016 and identified effluent limitation exceedances that constitute 193 violations of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.* A list of these violations is enclosed (Enclosure A).

At the time of inspection, the inspector noted no areas of concern other than the above-mentioned effluent exceedances.

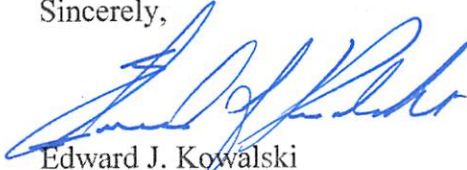
On December 21, 2015, the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule became effective. Permittees with a DMR requirement will have one year from this date to submit DMRs through NetDMR. Additional information is enclosed (Enclosure B).

Although our goal is to ensure NPDES facilities comply fully with their permits, the ultimate responsibility rests with the permittee. As such, I want to strongly encourage you to continue your efforts to maintain full knowledge of the Permit requirements, and other appropriate

statutes, and to respond appropriately to ensure compliance. Notwithstanding your response to this letter, EPA retains all rights to pursue enforcement actions to address these and any other violations.

I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report (Enclosure C). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Raymond Andrews of my staff at (206) 553-4252.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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